

**Congress Park Green Team (CPGT) Meeting  
Saturday, 1/14/17:**

**Attendees:**

1. Emily Hunter
2. Larry Grimm
3. Liz Goehring
4. Phylis Roestenburg
5. Becky Coughlin
6. Barbara Rivera
7. Mario Rivera
8. Gayle Quick
9. Mary Sullivan
10. Susan Bardwell
11. David Walsh
12. Lisa Loranger
13. Susie Shanley
14. Noah Lyman

**Agenda:**

**9:10-9:45 Welcome - Liz**

**9:45–11:00 Earth Day Festival Planning - Joan**

**Notes:**

**Welcome - Liz**

**Project Updates:**

Background: Liz gave an overview of Denver's Sustainable Neighborhood Network program. Congress Park (CP) is involved in the program. Aim is to become a certified sustainable neighborhood. Anyone can propose an event, plan for the event and can get help from Denver, etc, to plan for the conduct the project, and earn credits toward CP becoming a certified SNN neighborhood.

**Leaf Drop Project: Emily**

1. Did this to support larger effort of Denver leaf drop event.
2. Through this event, CP diverted 200 bags from landfill to composting.
3. There were CP volunteers that had drop off locations in CP.

4. There were also CP volunteers to transport the leaves to a Denver Drop Off location.
  - a. Need ideas on how to do this better next year.
5. Earned 16 points.

#### **Alley Clean Up Event: Becky**

1. A team member that lives on the 1100 block of Milwaukee thanked the team for conducting the Clean Up Alley behind Milwaukee & Fillmore.
2. This event was done as part of a GT Meeting and to thank the church for their ongoing support of the CP GT.

Action: Post on site – how to guide  
Contact city for street sweeper

#### **Green Business Effort: Liz**

- City has program for businesses to get certified as a Green Business.
- We have 100 businesses in CP
- CP GT held workshop for CP businesses to learn about the program last Monday
- We currently have 6 CP businesses certified.

#### **SEED: Various**

Mary: **SEED Circle - Purging plastics**

When: 2/22/17 time TBD

Location: Cerebral Brewing

Book: Plastic Purge (author: Clemmons)

Aim is to learn about and discuss what we can do about plastics

Noah: **SEED Circle - Alternative energy and grid**

When: 3<sup>rd</sup> week in March (3/23)

Location: CHPC

Noah's working with Larry (knowledge on solar)

#### **Denver Energy Challenge & Denver Energy conservation workshop – Nicole**

When: 1/26/17, 6pm;

Where: Congress Park Tap Room

Larry will record a video with plan to post.

#### **Solar Podcasts on CPN website – Larry**

Links to 2 videos of Larry's interviewing solar expert

Larry interviewed:

1. Golden Solar
2. Sun Run
3. Plans to interview - Clean Energy Collection regarding solar garden

## Questions:

- Pollinator Highway work
- Susan - Rain Barrels
  - Tara looking for speaker from Denver Water
  - Looking at 4/25/17; plan is to promote the event at the Earth Day
  - She had contacted earthlinks as they make the rain barrels and sell them.

## Earth Day: Joan

When: Sat Apr 22

Time: 11a-3pm

Set up: 9-11

### Activity #1:

Broke into pairs and discuss:

1. Have you ever seen to earth day event
2. What would be some cool ideas?

### Debrief:

Emily – plant swap; seed planting

Susan – promoting rain barrels

Suzie – schools, immigrants

Barbara – faith communities

Phyllis – Denver survey cp recycling rate is only 18%, goal is 34%; do a booth or educational piece on education

Noah – combining educating people on composting – avoiding diverting from landfill

Lisa - getting more people at event, talking with neighbors and get them going, go as blocks

Gail – reaching out to neighbors as she's well connected with

Mario – everyone wins at Roundup Rodeo activity

Becky – plan for city to take out dumpsters, less waste to landfill more recycling; increase education on this at

Mary – very supportive of 1030 catholic community; trees – what can we do to tie in trees, their care, TED talk on trees and how they work together to sustain; they don't get composting – is there any way to share composting

Larry – bring more earth day activities outside, extend length of the footprint (speakers outside), need plan for adverse weather; food outside, talked about using alley, put plywood on side of building where neighbors can draw/make mural.

Liz –

David – recycling from a block perspective

Notes:

- Larry has petitioned to block of 11<sup>th</sup> between Milwaukee, fillmore, Detroit
- Have space for 30 booths: GT will have 5-10 groups
- Coffee (cart) and water cookies inside
- Involve city resources, and NGO's, faith comm, schools, Cert Green Businesses in CP, and non profits.

Activity #2: ideas for booths

- Eco justice - larry
- Denver Solar & Wind, association (fossible fuel free Denver) - Larry
- 350.org - larry
- Echo justice ministeries
- Colorado interfaith poswer and light – larry
- Denver wind an solar – larry
- CDPHE - mario
- Denver Water - mario
- Earthlinks - susan
- Denver waste water - Noah
- DUG - Emily
- Denver Digs Trees
- Sustainable neighborhood network - liz
- Certifiably green program - liz
- Teller elementrayr green team= barb
- Waldorf school - barb
- East high school - barb
- Girl liz and boy scouts suzie
- Monarch joint venture - liz
- CSA – community supported agriculture – liz grant farm
- Arborist – historical trees: suan
- PPAN – people for pollinators action network - Liz
- Bee Safe Liz
- Regis - suzie
- Good Shephard - suzie
- REACH Sewall - noah
- DBG - Emily
- Denver Food Rescue - Emily
- Xerces Society Liz
- Assets mapping liz
- Master composters & gardeners - Emily
- Block Captains/rebs – Cool Neighbors - TBD

- ACA – accelerate climate action
- CHUN - larry
- Walk Denver lisa
- Bike Denver lisa
- B-Cycle lisa
- Educational/environmental learning for kids – non profit: ELK - TBD
- Parks Department – rec centers/parks - noah
- Public Library – check out backpack get park pass - TBD
- Energy meters for home? TBD
- Audibon – urban animals - TBD
- National wildlife association - TBD
- CPN Inc to sign up members - TBD
- RTD - TBD
- Grow House - TBD
- Colorado Renewable Energy society – CREASA - TBD
- Monroe Farm – Emily

### **Activity #3: Identify Businesses to participate**

- They can donate prize, eco friendly
- At Booths:
  - If you sign up for table resource to take action, get ticket for reward (reward action);
  - The more actions you take higher your chances to get prize.
- Sponsorship opportunities: \$100, \$250, \$500; details being worked out
  - IF have money we can spend on marketing, advertising (facebook ads to pay to promote)
- Poster:
  - use same approach as last year but expand
  - expand communication – idea to put signs in yards of posters kids made.
  - Maybe bigger than last year
- Businesses to provide svc or prizes or money:

#### **Businesses:**

- capitol heights pharmacy
- wildflowers
- lamp shop
- childrens music academy
- uber saugage
- goods
- tattered cover

- shells and sauce
  - ace hardware
  - natural grocer
  - law mediation office
  - trader joes
  - wine bar
  - downpours
  - dry cleaners on 12<sup>th</sup>
  - city councilman Wayne New
  - goosetown tavern
  - tag burger bar
  - 12<sup>th</sup> and madison new restaurant
  - classic homeworks
  - cow
  - Certified businesses
  - Those businesses in process of becoming certified
  - Along 6<sup>th</sup> – cheese shop, tincura, stationary, jewelry, barolla grill, yoga on 6<sup>th</sup>, mathnasium, salons, photography
  - 12<sup>th</sup> avenue
  - colorado blvd – einsteins, tap room, swing thai, heidi's, Daegee, credit union, starbucks, dry cleaner, thai place, new age health building, urgent care on 13<sup>th</sup>, snooze, National jewish, fire department
- Plan to approach businesses:
    - block up into reasonable size pieces
    - google doc with coding
- Folks interested in taking a block
    - Mario
      - Lisa
      - Gale
      - Phyliss
      - Noah
      - Emily
      - Susan
      - Suzie
      - Barb
      - Liz
      - Mary

Mary: Has a connection to OFA – organizing for action – for additional volunteers. Had first organization meeting the end of December. Her daughter can get some volunteers for Earth Day.

CP GT will meet bi-weekly to prep for earth day: next meeting is 1/28/17